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1. [ ] I talked to Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and told him that the additional OSS files identified since our last conversation are also station files that would contain little or no indication of distribution given to the reports contained therein. Blum told me he is not in any time press at the moment and will await my call to set a date for him to visit Headquarters to review the files available. A very tentative date was made for the week of 17 July or the week following.

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2. [ ] Called Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in response to his request to [ ] regarding how the Committee might refer to a statement made by the Director before the Committee on 20 June regarding monitoring a comprehensive nuclear test ban. I told Ashworth that under the firmly established ground rules of the Director's appearance, under no circumstances was the substance of his testimony to be quoted or referred to. I said in this particular case he saw no reason to change his statement in the Committee transcript, but we wanted to point out that it was an impromptu comment "off the top of his head" and should not be considered official. I said, subject to these conditions, the Committee of course was free to attach such weight to this statement as they saw fit, and draw their own conclusions from it. Ashworth said his problem was how to use it without attribution. I suggested the Committee might simply state that on the basis of testimony from competent witnesses they had concluded so and so. Ashworth said he thought this would be a satisfactory solution. I added the Director always wanted to be completely candid with the Committee, but could not do so unless he was protected, and we would have to rely on the Committee to protect him in this case. Ashworth said he fully appreciated this.

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3. [ ] Discussed with Debbie Dougherty, in the office of Representative William S. Mailliard (R., Calif.), a suggested reply to a letter from several high school students. The letter requested an inquiry into reports that CIA was involved in the drug traffic in Laos.

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4. [redacted] and I talked to  
Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding  
the Laos ceiling. See Memo for Record.

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